

# From pony tail to U.S. Navy

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Hannah Shahiyela Sheridan is a 23-year old Native American woman who says she is proudly serving her third year in the United States Navy.

“I graduated from El Reno High School in 2007. After graduation I took a year off to figure out my life. While I was still unsure of where my career path was going to lead me, I knew one thing for certain ... that I wanted to serve my country,” Sheridan said.

She said it was a simple decision for her to make.

“There were two things that assisted in making my decision even simpler for me. The first was that I would be the first woman in my family to join the military and the second was that I wanted to set a good example for my ten nieces and nephews,” Sheridan said.

Sheridan joined the Navy in January 2008.

“Before I knew it I left for boot camp three months later. I decided I wanted to work my way up from the bottom and joined as an unrated

deck seaman. After completing boot camp I was assigned, to what would be my home station, in Sasebo Japan,” Sheridan said. “I was stationed on the USS Tortuga LSD46 and I was able to see sights that I would have never even been able to fathom before I joined the Navy. I have been able to travel all over including Japan, Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Cambodia, Australia, Singapore, and Korea.”

Sheridan completed her deployment in Japan in December 2010.

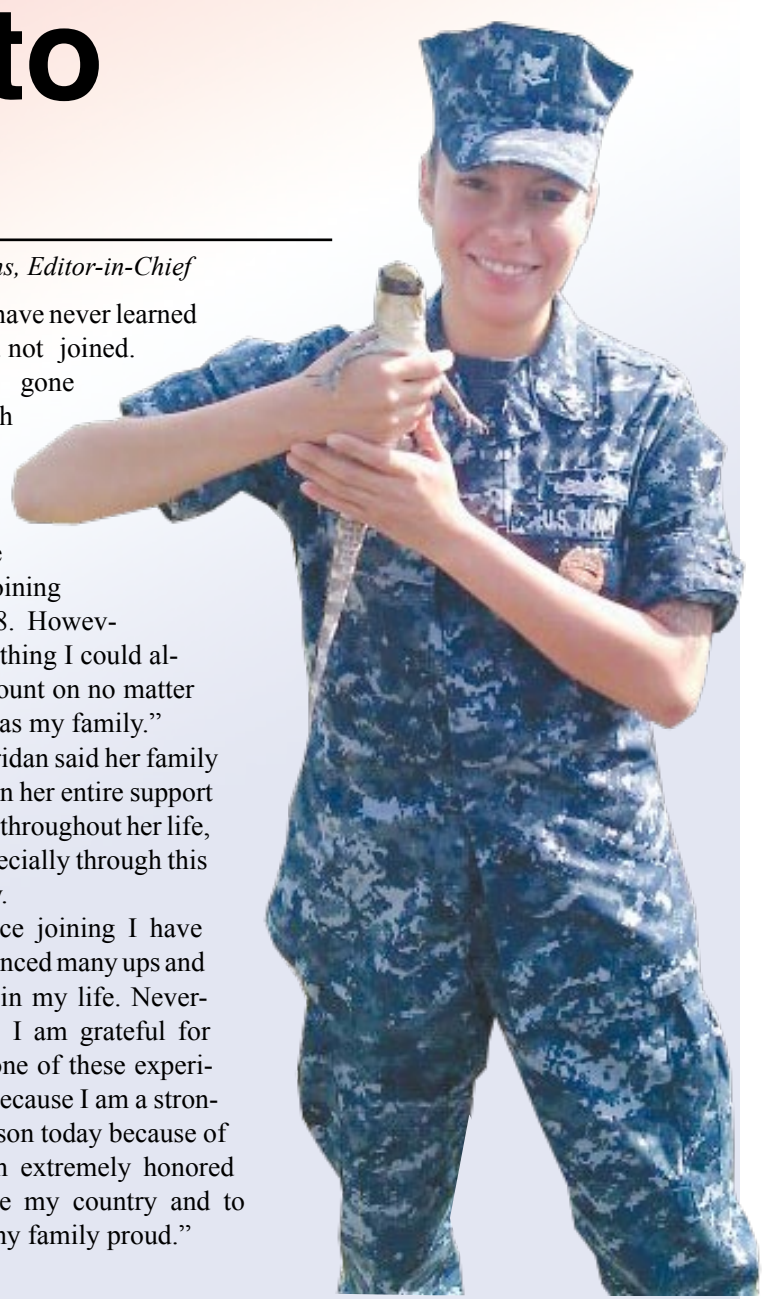
In January 2011 she attended Lackland Air Force Base for two months of training for the Naval Security Forces.

“Through this I went for the rate, Master at Arms (MA). After completing this training I was given orders to report to the Naval Air Station in Key West, Florida ... where I am currently stationed with the rank of MA3 (SW),” Sheridan said. “I am extremely pleased with my decision to join the Navy. I have been taught a lot of life lessons that I

would have never learned if I had not joined. I have gone through a lot of changes in my life since joining in 2008. However, one thing I could always count on no matter what was my family.”

Sheridan said her family has been her entire support system throughout her life, but especially through this journey.

“Since joining I have experienced many ups and downs in my life. Nevertheless, I am grateful for every one of these experiences because I am a stronger person today because of it. I am extremely honored to serve my country and to make my family proud.”



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# One rally, one voice to fight for justice

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales



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Kala Whitecrow, mother of Naomi Whitecrow, stands beside the photo of her daughter overcome with emotion.

With every beat of the drum, the message rings out, justice for Naomi Whitecrow.

On Nov. 2, 2011, along the South Plaza of the Oklahoma State Capitol, over 100 people gathered to show their outrage over convicted child abuse felon, Amy Holder, receiving a \$5,000 fine in the abuse, leading to the death of, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, Naomi Whitecrow.

“Good morning, welcome to the campaign justice for Naomi rally. As Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes I want to thank you for being here and supporting this important cause. Today, we’re not only rallying for Naomi Whitecrow, but for other children in Oklahoma, both past and unfortunately the future, who have been and will be victims of child abuse ... and in the worst

cases, ultimately lead to their untimely deaths,” Gov. Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell said. “Many changes need to be made in the state of Oklahoma when it comes to child abuse cases. I encourage you to stand with us in our mission to enact those changes and make those responsible for these precious children’s deaths accountable.”

On Oct. 3, 2011 a jury found Holder guilty of felony child abuse, issuing a recommended sentence of only a \$5,000 fine, no prison time.

Those who attended the rally showed their support by wearing buttons with a picture of Naomi, a white ribbon signifying innocence and carrying signs begging for justice for Naomi.

“In the court system we have a lady holding the scales of justice, that is to resemble justice,” Brenda Golden guest speaker, Red Town Radio host and an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation said to the crowd. “When we think of the lady with the blindfold on, whatever the crime was, the punishment should equal, that is what we think of as justice, but it does not happen,”

Yolanda Bluehorse, from Texas, took the podium to share her personal story of losing her child, Jordan, from murder.

“Your presence here today speaks volumes for the concern that you have in your heart,

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# Special Tribal Council meeting recessed until Dec. 10

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

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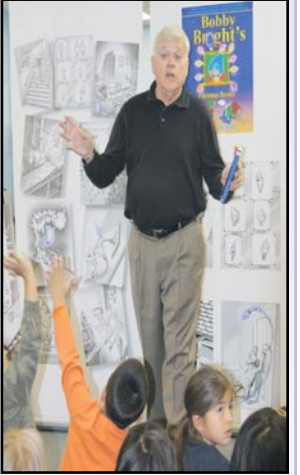
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# Flutes bring a melody of peace to military personnel

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief



Jill Chambers, Albert Grey Eagle and Michael Peterson at the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in LaCrosse, Wisc.

Everyone knows the soothing sounds that come from a flute, but for U.S. service men and women overseas, the sounds become quiet melodies of peace.

Albert Grey Eagle, a veteran himself, was moved to begin making flutes and getting them to Native Americans serving overseas.

“My name is Spec. Yazzie Troy and am stationed here in Iraq. A couple of months ago a performer, whose name I have forgotten, came by FOB Warhorse. During that time I was going through my own personal demons and I was pulled aside by him and was told that he had a gift for me. I didn’t know who the guy was but he presented me with a flute you had made,” Troy wrote in a letter. “To this day the flute he presented me with brings my spirits up and helps me cope with where I am and I realize that what I am doing is respected not only by my family but also my fellow Natives. I am a member of the Navajo tribe and lived in Window

Rock, Ariz. and only have a sister and a brother to call my family, but I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

In July 2010 Grey Eagle was in Concho, Okla. and started a conversation with Cheyenne Chief Gordon Yellowman telling him about his flutes.

“I am a flute player but my passion is making them, to use my hands for something good. I told Gordon I wanted to get the flutes I had made to the Indian soldiers currently serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. Gordon said to do it with my heart and it would work out.”

Grey Eagle said Gordon was right ... it did.

“I was selected to go to the National Veterans’ Creative Arts Festival in LaCrosse, Wis. in October 2010 where I met Michael Peterson, a country singer from Nashville and his business partner, retired Army Colonel Jill Chambers. They both do so much work for veterans

and soldiers overseas on the USO tour. We began talking about what I was trying to do and amazingly they told me they would take them for me and find soldiers to give them to,” Grey Eagle said. “I thought to myself, I have been trying to do this for so long and something always happened that it seemed to never work out.”

Grey Eagle returned home and mailed the flutes to Chambers where they arrived in Irag around Christmas 2010.

“Showing me kindness, they went out of their way to find Indian soldiers to give them to. Soon after e-mails and pictures started coming in and my soul was touched by their stories and where they came from. They also talked about what this gift meant to them ... it was then I knew I had done the right thing,” Grey Eagle said. “We have been born in Mahiyo’s image to take things that are considered dead and bring them to life like in a flute, a drum stick and pipe stem,

and when you use them right, good things happen.”

Grey Eagle said he thought back to what Gordon had told him, “do what my heart tells me and good things will happen.”

Grey Eagle said with the help of Col. Chambers, Michael Peterson and Gordon soldiers had a good Christmas that year.

“I am a veteran and I have been alone at that time of year when I was in the army. My great grandfather, Paul Gray Eagle Tail was Sioux, my grandfather Cheyenne, and my mom’s family Apache, but my Cheyenne and Arapaho brothers and sisters have taught me so much about helping one another and kindness and are a special people,” Grey Eagle said. “Everything printed about our people should not always be bad. There is still a lot of good in this world especially if you look to what is around you, your people, your family, your friend. Just follow your heart.”



Courtesy photos

Jill Chambers and Michael Peterson presents Yazzie Troy with a flute made by Albert Grey Eagle.



Stacks of Bobby Bright books sit wrapped with colorful ribbons waiting for each child to claim.

## Darlington students receive surprise gift

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Christmas came early for Darlington School students this year.

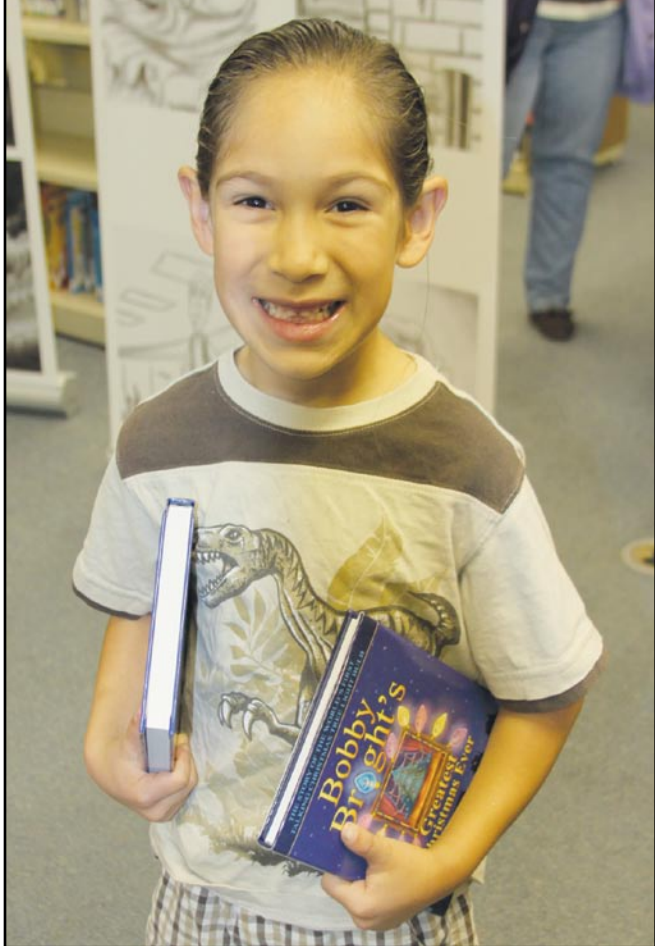
Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades were visited by author, John R. Brooks on Nov. 9 in El Reno, Okla. Brooks handed out, to each student, a collection of his five book series, Bobby Bright.

“This is a gift for these kids ... a gift from the Concho Lucky Star Casino and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Dept. of Education,” Brooks said. “I am just so happy to see these kids faces light up when they hear they are going to get to take home the whole collection of books ... you know some of these kids would never have been able to get these books otherwise. It is a wonderful gift the Tribes are giving to them.”

Brooks published the first book, Bobby Bright’s Greatest Christmas Ever in 2005 and since then has published four additional books in ongoing series.

“This story starts out in a Christmas

light bulb factory where a strand of lights is shocked with an electrical charge and one of the light bulbs, named Bobby, is infused with magical powers. The strand of lights is purchased by Mr. and Mrs. McGillicuddy and over the next nine years, instead of being placed on the front of the tree, end up at the back of the tree. On the tenth year Bobby decided that things need to change. He and his family, whom all talk in Bulbese, were tired of always being placed in the back and never given the opportunity to shine and be admired. Bobby’s magical powers gave him the ability to understand human talk and translated to his family what was happening and being said by Mr. and Mrs. McGillicuddy. While in the process of decorating the Christmas tree a chain of events happen for Mr. and Mrs. McGillicuddy, some humorous, some sad. By the looks of the events the Bright family



Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Nikonis Olguin smiles with happiness as he holds his new books.

string of bulbs will end up on the back of the tree again. Bobby, the brightest of the Bright family, comes up with a plan. He is bound and determined that this year the string of bulbs will not end up at the back of the tree nor will they go unnoticed. Implementing his plan, Bobby creates a way to get noticed. It’s not an easy maneuver for a Christmas light bulb, however, because of Bobby’s magical powers his plan works. With anticipation of what will happen next, the Bright family does have an opportunity to shine and be noticed this year, especially when Mr. and Mrs. McGillicuddy’s son, his wife, and grandson, Remmington, arrive for Christmas. Remmington notices that the bulbs on the special tree set up in his room are very different from others. And, different they are ...”

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# Dark Horse Battalion tames Sangin

By Bing West

*The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, reportedly suffered the highest casualties to date for a single U.S. battalion in the Afghanistan War. This is the story of one of their operations as told by a war correspondent, Bing West, who was there-September 2011*

Sangin District in the upper valley of Helmand province is a terrible place to fight. Helmand sits at the southern border of Afghanistan, 23,000 square miles of rocky desert bisected by a broad river fed by the snowfields in the far north.

Thousands of irrigation ditches snake outward from the river, nurturing a swath of rich farming fields appropriately called the Green Zone. Strikingly similar in look, smell and feel to the rice paddies of Vietnam, the Green Zone is home to Taliban gangs, intimidated or indoctrinated farmers, vast poppy fields and thousands of improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

For reasons obscure to Westerners, over the past decade Sangin developed into the Taliban equivalent of of Gibraltar, resistant to repeated coalition efforts to gain control.

Before the Marines arrived, our key ally, Britain, ran this area of operations. British strategy was to win over the population, spending tens of millions of dollars on development projects. As a result, the economy flourished. But the Pashtun farmers remained standoffish and often sullenly hostile.

Outside the district center, the Taliban planted layers of IEDs, boxing in British Tommies. The farmers supported the Taliban, or at least obeyed their rules., In the fall of 2010, British forces left, having suffered 106 killed in four years.

U.S. Marines took over and changed the strategy from trying to win popular support into a straight-up assault to drive the Taliban from the 40-kilometer-long valley.

Brits lost an average of 26 men per year on the defense. Marines who replaced the British lost 26 men in the first 100 days on the offense. The motto of the 3rd Battalion, 5th marines (nicknamed the Dark Horse Battalion) is "Get some."

In 100 days of patrolling four kilometers north of the Sangin District center, Kilo Company alone found 115 IEDs. Another 14 exploded. Of the 136 Marines in the company, nine were killed and 35 severely wounded. Of four platoon commanders, one was killed and another lost a leg to a mine.

Illustrative was the incident involving a platoon at a remote patrol base in the Green Zone, A squad patrol crossing a field came under fire. Sgt. matt Abbate, leading the sniper team in support, saw two unarmed men popping up to take a look after each burst of fire. This was a typical Taliban spotting tactic, knowing the marines could not return fire if they did not see a weapon. Abbate, who had killed 14 Taliban, did not

shoot.

When the squad took cover in a ditch, the point man stepped on an IED. The blast killed him and drove a rifle barrel through the thigh of the squad leader. Abbate frantically twisted a tourniquet above the gaping wound.

The corpsman ran forward, tripping another mine and losing both legs. A Marine running to help him detonated a third mine. Abbate grabbed a radio, called for medevacs, directed suppressing fire against the machine gun, and organized the shocked Marines into litter parties to carry the wounded.

"We all die together!" he yelled, and walked across the field under fire, with the others following single-file in his footsteps.

Nothing saps the morale of the infantry more than IEDs. It's one thing to shoot and to be shot at; you take your casualties, but you inflict some too. With land mines, you never know when someone, perhaps you, will be mangled or killed. When it's over, when the black smudge of smoke rolls away and the gritty taste of the explosive still coats your teeth, you have nothing to strike back at.

As the dead and wounded were evacuated by helicopter, the Taliban pressed forward. They had diverted a nearby canal to flood the fields around the patrol base. Capt. Nick Johnson, Kilo Company commander, gathered every available Marine from the nearby company base. For the next six hours they waded through chest-high mud to resupply ammunition to the patrol base. Johnson then gathered the exhausted marines inside the tiny outpost.

"In 1950," he said, "this battalion walked out of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea, beating off thousands of Chinese soldiers. Our radio call sign was Dark Horse. Now it's your turn to be the dark horse,. Come morning, we're taking the fight to them."

Tradition, lineage, heritage ... You're



not impressed or even aware of it until sacrifice is required and you're scared by what you know you have to do. At four in the morning the platoon left the outpost, found a path through the minefield and engaged in firefights until the Taliban pulled back.

Several weeks later, Abbate was killed.

1st Sgt. Christ Melendez said to the troops, "Some of you will go home missing arms or legs. I know that sounds hard, but God won't give you any burden you can't handle. So go out there, kill the enemy and don't flinch."

When I embedded with Dark Horse Battalion in January 2011, every day the patrols went out to drive the Taliban farther back in a straight-up war of attrition. One platoon commander, Lt. Vic Garcia, explained that the Taliban roamed in small gangs among the farm compounds, dig in the mines and attacked from the flanks.

When we set out on patrol the 15 Marines walked in single file across brown, furrowed farmlands suggestive of New England in early spring.

Lance Cpl. Colbey Yazzie, a full blood Navajo, swept a narrow path with his metal detector, the same type used on Cape Cod beaches to discover coins. Near a footbridge, Yazzie knelt down and scratched at the dirt. He stripped a few wires and held up two small boards wrapped in tape.

Glued to the underside of each board was a sliver of metal. When a foot pressed down on the boards, the metal plates came together, completing an electrical circuit connecting a flashlight battery to a plastic jug filled with explosives.

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## Indians in the Military



**1866**-The U.S. Army established the Indian Scouts to use the Indian soldiers for scouting the enemy. By 1867, there were 474 Indian Scouts. The group was deactivated in 1947 when its last member retired from the Army.

**Spanish American War**-Indians were recruited by Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders and saw action in Cuba in 1898.

**World War I**-More than 12,000 are estimated to have served.

**Word War II**-More than 44,000 American Indians out of a total of Native American population of less than 350,000 (in 2003) saw military service. This represented one-third of all able-bodied Indian males from 18 to 50 years old. Near-

ly 800 Indian women also served during WWII, and Indians from 26 U.S. tribes served as code talkers, playing a critical role in helping the armed forces.

**Korean War**-An estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Indians saw action in Korea.

**Vietnam**-More than 42,000 Indians, more than 90 percent volunteers, fought in Vietnam. Gulf War-More than 3,000 Indians served in the Persian Gulf operations.

**2003**-The active duty military force of nearly 1.4 million people includes 15,795 reported as American Indians or Alaska Natives as of Dec. 31, 2002. This includes 2,707 Indian women. According to the 2000 Census data, there are 195,871 veterans who are American Indians.

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# TRIBAL TIDBITS



Photos by Rebecka Lyman



On Nov. 3, 2011 the installation of the first wind turbine went under way.

The Kansas based company, West Wind Energy and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes worked together to install the wind turbine. The turbine is located across the street from the Tribal headquarters building in Concho, Okla.

The goal is to have the tribal operations completely powered by renewable energy, beginning with the first turbine.

“Soon the second turbine will be going up next to the tribes smoke shop,” Phil Sutter, West Wind Energy, owner and distributor said.



Janie and Asa Worthington of Carnegie Okla. who are junior members of the Rolling Thunder, Oklahoma Chapter.

Courtesy photo

Janie Worthington, Rolling Thunder princess and Asa Worthington, were asked to assist in the Carnegie Public Schools’ salute to Veterans assembly program on Monday, Nov. 7, 2011.

Janie led the Lord’s Prayer in Native American sign language and Asa was given the honor of carrying the U. S. Flag on stage for the event.

Janie and Asa are family descendants of the Worthingtons, noted Kiowa singer and Native American traditional music composer, Nathan Doyebi, Ahhaitty, Kiowa Chief Jasper Saunkeah and the honorable Sutton family of the Mississippi Choctaw tribe.

Photos by Gordon Yellowman



Through coordinating efforts of the Indian Education Program, and in cooperation with El Reno Public Schools, the El Reno Indian Health Service (IHS) Dental Clinic is provided free dental services to Native American students at Etta Dale Junior High School and Roblyer Middle School on Nov. 1-2, 2011 in El Reno, Okla.

The dental staff came to the schools and set up to provide dental screening and dental fluoride/sealant treatments to students who obtained parental permission.

Photo by Gordon Yellowman



As part of their Home Economics class assignment, Brie Proctor and Cricket Yelloman make Indian Tacos for their teacher, Mrs. Haynes, El Reno High School Principal Goucher and several faculty members.

“I am still accepting compliments for the girls’ taco project,” Indian Education Director, Mary Monetathchi said.

# Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune essay winners

The *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune* sponsored a writing contest for C&A students in two different age groups.

Category one was for students in the 5th - 8th grades. The first place winner was Chris TallBear, Thomas, Okla. and the second place winner was Minnie TallBear, also from Thomas, Okla.

The second category were for students in 9th - 12th grades. The first place winner was Emylia Martinez, Hammon, Okla. and the second place winner was Caitlin Boicourt, El Reno, Okla.

## Sports and me

Do you play sports? Well I hope you do because sports are important.

Reasons you ask? Well first off sports keep you active and helps you to stay out of trouble. There are a lot sports to choose from. Personally I enjoy playing football, basketball and I am still considering baseball. I did not play sports until I moved to El Reno, Okla. and went to school at Darlington. There they only had basketball and track, but when I moved Thomas they had football, basketball, track, cross country and baseball. So there were a lot of choices to choose from.

Over at Darling I had to learn how to play basketball. I was only in the 3rd grade, so when I first started playing I was quite bad. But it took some time to develop my basketball skills. Over the years at Darlington I grew older and was pretty

good at basketball, but when we moved to Thomas I started losing my skills.

I don’t know what it is still to this day but anyways I am a decent player. This year I am hoping to get way better.

When I first moved to Thomas it was near the end of the football season. I moved to Thomas in the 6th grade so it was only peeewe football. When I first started playing football, once again, I knew the rules, but I just didn’t know how to block and tackle. I wasn’t too good at that either. So once again I had a new sport to learn. I didn’t know what position to play, so I just went where the coach sent me. I knew I wasn’t a Quarterback, half-back, fullback or receiver material so that only left me on the line.

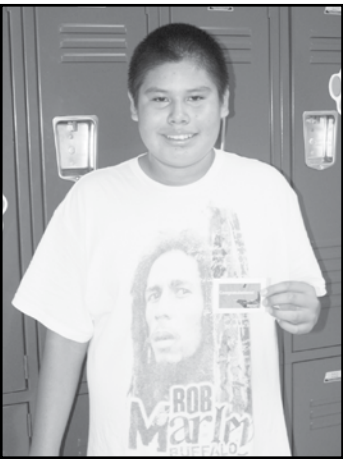
The next year I wasn’t even going to play football but then I didn’t want every-

body to think I couldn’t take a few hits, so I joined. That first week, I was so sore I guess because it was a new sport and all those months of practice had developed my skills to become a decent player. I knew my position on offense and defense. On offense I played left tackle and on defense I played right or left end.

Over at Thomas Junior High is 7th grade to 9th grade. This meant that the 8th and 9th graders play before 7th graders. In my 7th grade year I played only about five plays and that was only because the starters were tired. But now in my 8th grade year I play every single game but probably only a quarter throughout the whole game and I’m happy that I get to play.

I’m still thinking about playing baseball. Some people want me to. So this year I

By Chris TallBear



Photos by Rebecka Lyman  
Chris TallBear holds his \$50 gift card for winning first place in the 5th-8th grade category.

think I’m going to play. It’ll be a new sport once again, so it might take awhile to become decent.

Well I told you what I play; now I hope that everyone plays sports because sports keep you active and helps you to stay out of trouble.

## The trip to Denver, Colorado

By Minnie TallBear

I am writing about the time I went to Denver, Colo. With my uncle, auntie and my sister.

First, it was St. Patrick’s Day and we went through Fay. It is a really small town.

At noon we got sandwiches at a small country store and they were really good.

After we ate, my sister and I fell asleep. After a few hours napping, we woke up and we began to draw a Thomas terrier sign. Soon we went through Kansas and we ran into some construction.

After that we ate pizza at Pizza Hut. We left and drove awhile until we got to the Colorado border. We stopped at a store to get some water. It was getting dark and you will never guess what happened. We were only ten miles away from Denver and when we arrived we went in circles trying to find our hotel. Once we checked into our hotel room it was really nice, but not very fun because we had to go to sleep when we got there.

The next morning we woke up and it snowing! For breakfast I had Minnie Mouse pancakes with a strawberry for a nose, bacon for a mouth and cherries for eyes. (Did I tell you my name is Minnie? Awesome, huh?)

My auntie, my sister and I went hiking. It was fun.

My auntie told us that

we would have to be quiet because there were wild animals like bears, bobcats and scary animals. After hiking a while I finally stepped in snow again. I screamed. After that my auntie told me that we didn’t have to worry about the wild animals any more.

Later we found a big pile of snow and we had a snowball fight. It was especially fun when I fell into the snow. Soon we found a bench and Pavenah had mud caked on her boots and she tried to get it off with a stick, but it wouldn’t come off. My auntie took pictures of us.

One picture was with a rock and it looked like we were holding it and another one was of a raccoon footprint and it looked cool.

When we returned to the hotel our shoes had so much mud on them we had to go into the hotel with no shoes on. We went in with just our wet socks and pants. When we got to the room we had to change our pants and shoes. I am so glad I brought extra shoes.

After we changed we went to shop at the outdoor mall.

For dinner we had Casa Bonita. It was amazing. There was an arcade room, cliff divers and if you wanted something more to eat you would just raise the flag at the table and they would give



Second place winner for 5th-8th grade category, Minnie TallBear holds her \$25 gift card to Wal-Mart.

it to you in three to five minutes. Then we went back to the hotel and went to bed.

The next morning at breakfast we talked about the town called South Park in Colorado. I didn’t even know that South Park was a real town. We checked out of the hotel after we ate.

When we were on the road we saw the Rocky Mountains. We checked in at a different hotel, which the name of I forgot. On the inside were fountains that looked like fish with water coming out of their mouths. You could see all the floors on the inside. There was an indoor pool and hot tub. It was really nice.

My auntie hugged my uncle and said, “I love it. Thank you so much.”

There was only one bed and I said, “Where do we sleep?”

My uncle pulled a bed out of the couch and I was like wow. After that we went swimming and it was amazing.

When we went into the hot tub all of us just put our legs in. It was really hot. My legs were red but not as bad as my auntie’s.

My uncle took us to the movies and we watched Alice in Wonderland. The movie was exciting. The best part

## Native Americans and Education

By Emylia Martinez

Cheyenne people are not known for being successful in education. That is why we high school students need to set a great example for the younger Native Americans in and around our community. We often have a younger child looking up to us in all we do. For example: I know of a few girls who like to watch me play softball and who look up to me. I not only want them to be inspired by sports achievements, but also by my academic achievements. A few years ago, I was invited and accepted to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Houston, Texas. I set out not only to better my interest in the field of medicine, but also to inspire my younger peers into striving to accomplish their dreams. It is important to me that the younger Native Americans in and around my community and everywhere else out there are being emboldened to pursue an education.

Every young child needs somebody who will believe in them; yet, who cares enough to ask them what they want to be. Children need somebody who will do anything to see that they will never give up on becoming

something. I remember my Grandmother, Maxine Candy, asking me what I wanted to be when I got older. I replied, “I want to be a doctor so I can take care of you.” She smiled and said, “Well you can and don’t let anybody tell you that you can’t.” Since then, I have always strived to do my best in to seeing that I finish school and become something.

Somebody once told me that my dreams were too big for a little Indian girl and that I probably would never get out of this town. See *Essay winners*, page 5



First place winner, 9th-12th grade, Emylia Martinez holds her \$50 gift certificate to Wal-Mart.



## Essay winners

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I thought back to what my Grandmother said. After being told this, I have tried to do everything that I can do to see that not only I, but also my younger family members try to become something. Many Native Americans are really good at sports, art, or music; yet, struggle to exceed in academics: this being a result in having nobody to push you to succeed.

School may have been – or still be- boring, a destroyer of creativity or emphatically awful for you, but education is still important because it opens the mind and expands it. If your years in school were bad or boring, then you can still educate yourself now.

## My Family... My Life

*By Caitlin Boicourt*

Everyone has their stories of adventure, excitement, and struggles. My life has been a journey marked by wonderful people and new beginnings that led me to be the person I am today. Life can be hard and challenging at times, but there are always people in life that make the journey and adventure worthwhile. The people who mean the world to me taught me to love unconditionally, believe that anything is possible, and changed my life in an incredible way.

As a little girl I scarcely remember my mom and dad being together. They were separated off and on until I was about four. Then around my fifth birthday they separated, and I never really saw my dad much after that. I was assigned every other weekend to spend time with him, but it hardly felt like any

time at all. I learned to adapt to my times around both my parents and accept my new family: my mom, my step dad, and new baby brother. After that I started to change and come to the conclusion that it really would be okay to not have my dad around as I expected. I struggled along the way, but I wouldn't go back and change anything because it helped me get where I am today.

So many people in my life made a remarkable difference in my life. My mom, step-dad, and cousin are just a few of the many people that changed my world and led me to new experiences. My mom has always been there for me through thick and thin; she loved me when I thought no one else could. She raised me to be the person I am today. Growing up as a kid, my step dad made

my life hard; he was never easy on me for one moment of my life. He always told me, "One day you'll thank me." And that day has come, without him I don't think I would know the things I know now, or be the person he helped my mom raise me to be. My cousin is like a big sister that I never had, she is the reason I started playing volleyball from ninth grade until now. She is the one I can turn to when I'm having family issues or any issues at all.

As I get older I learn new ways to express my feelings and new calming ways to react to difficult and heart wrenching struggles. But for someone else it may be a different story. I am kept motivated knowing that I came from a broken little family to a well-put together



Caitlin Boicourt, second place winner in the 9th-12th grade category holds her \$25 gift card to Wal-Mart.

family who keep it in their best interest to keep me on my feet. I can honestly say I will never forget these people and the struggles they helped me through. I now see life in a different perspective for my past present and future.

## Dark horse

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After discovering the first IED, we walked north at a steady, careful pace. Not one farmer was out tilling the lands sown with mines. Yazzie again clenched his fist, knelt down, disarmed and blew up an IED.

The patrol continued for a while, then halted suspiciously at the edge of a large field. On the far side were two long compound walls, dotted with "murder holes" small peepholes for Taliban rifle barrels,. The Marines peered through the telescopic sights on their rifles.

Suddenly the squad leader, Sgt. Phillip McCulloch, fired a single shot. "Scratch one stinky," he said.

McCullough, who had long since been unconvinced of the Taliban's supposed magical mystique as warriors, had taken part in a six hour firefight in January 2011 in which 24 of the enemy were killed.

"There were motorcycles and dead Taliban all over the battlefield," he said. "It was something you don't see every day out here."

In seven months, this one platoon killed over 75 of the enemy, clearing its sector. That clearance came at a cost to the platoon of two killed, five amputees and 18 other evacuations

with gunshot and shrapnel wounds.

Yazze, who had an uncanny sense for finding IEDs continued in his role as point man until early March 2011 when a mine claimed his right leg.

Altogether, between September 2010 and March 2011, the Dark Horse Battalion engaged in more that 520 firefights, inflicting casualties on some 470 of the enemy. It had solid leadership in Lt. Col. Jason L. Morris and his subordinate commanders, Capts. Edward Solis, Christopher Estey, Nick Johnson, Matt Peterson, Bryan Leahy, Chuck Anklam, Glenn Baker, Alexander Snowden and Mark Wood, as well as Sgt. Maj. Jim Bushway.

The grunts found approximately 400 mines buried in the soft earth. Another 122 exploded, illing and maiming civilians as well as Marines.

In seven months, the 950 man 3rd Bn., 5th Marines suffered 30 killed (including six corpsmen and attached Marines clearn IEDs) and some 200 wounded, including more than a dozen amputees (four triple). It had sustained the highest single-battalion losses in Afghanistan to date.

Today, the Marines largely cleared Helman, where for four years the Taliban had been viewed as invincible. The next step is to gradually move the Afghan soldiers into the front and no one knows how that will play out. It is too early to judge what Dark Horse and the other 60-odd American battalions, and several dozen coalition battalions, have accomplished at the strategic level.

Grunts don't reflect on policy or the future of Afghanistan. Strategy is the business of generals and elected officials,. The grunts understand that American or Afghan politics may create a good, bad or murky ending to America's involvement.

Instead of becoming entangled in academic theories about winning hearts and minds, Abbate and Yazzie measured themselves by whether they dominated the battlefield. The Taliban have left Sangin, a retreat believed in mid-2010 to be impossible.

"We've done what we came out here to do," Sgt. Ivan Teran said. "This place is a lot more stable now. You're not going to hear any of these guys going 'yeah, let's get some!'" ... they've experienced just about as much as you can experience being a grunt in the Marine Corps.

## Remington Park and Red Earth partner to offer annual Oklahoma Classics celebration

OKLAHOMA CITY-Officials with Remington Park and Red Earth presented Oklahoma Classics, an evening of live horse racing action and cultural events, on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011.

As a special evening combining the excitement of live horse racing and family-friendly activities celebrating the state's Native American influences, the event included Oklahoma-bred horses racing for more than \$1 million in purses, Red Earth traditional dancers, cooking demonstrations from celebrity guest chef Loretta Oden, escort painted ponies, Native American storytelling, self-guided teepee tours and a special artists' market.

Scott Wells, Remington Park president and general manager, said this partnership between the two organizations is a first-time endeavor, with

hopes of making this a flagship event each fall.

"For many years, Oklahoma Classics has been an annual event that showcases the very best of Oklahoma-bred thoroughbred horses," said Wells. "This year we wanted to enhance the evening with new activities that celebrate the rich history and culture in Oklahoma. Red Earth seemed a natural fit, with its extensive reach and understanding of Native American cultures that have proven vital in shaping our state's history."

Painting the escort ponies for the race were Native American artists Nathan Hart, Harvey Pratt, Gordon Yellowman and Joe Don Brave.



Courtesy photo

Gordon Yellowman paints one of the escort ponies during Remington Park and Red Earth's Oklahoma Classics in Oklahoma City.

## Powwows & Events CALENDAR

### Stomach Cancer Awareness Walk in Memory of Herschel Benton Jr.

10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011 in Seiling, Okla. The walk will begin from the Country Club to Herschel Benton's gravesite. Balloons will be released at gravesite. A meal will be service at the Native American Community Center, 411 N. Main St., Seiling immediately following the walk.

### The seventh annual Oklahoma City Indian Clinic's Red Feather Gala

7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011 in the Grand Ballroom of the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For more information contact Andii Tittle at (405) 948-4900 ext. 482 or by email at andii.t@okcic.com.

### Confined InterTribal Benefit Gourd Dance

2 p.m. Nov. 19, 2011 at the Comanche Community Center in Apache, Okla. Thanksgiving meal provided at 5 p.m. Story telling by Matt Hamilton from 6:30-7 p.m. For more information contact Charisse Redbone at (405) 638-1709.

### The fifth annual OKCPS powwow

Nov. 19, 2011 at the John Marshall High School gym, 12201 N. Portland, Oklahoma City. Gourd dancing begins at 2 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. and Grand Entry at 7 p.m. For more information call (405) 587-0359.

### Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness Community Outreach

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Seiling Community Center in Seiling, Okla. Bring CDIB, proof of residency and proof of diabetes diagnosis. For more information call (405) 422-7747.

### The 14th annual Native American Heritage Celebration

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Nov. 21, 2011 at the Langston University Oklahoma City Campus, 4205 N. Lincoln Blvd. For more information contact Wilson Seawright at (580) 795-8100 or Vicki Pettiford at (405) 522-1611.

### Memorial Dance for Niehhi Skidi Hamilton

Nov. 26, 2011 at the Canton Community Center in Canton, Okla. 3 p.m. Gourd dance. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow. An invitation to all Cheyenne Chiefs, Arapaho Chiefs, Arapaho Rabbitmen and Cheyenne Headsmen. Paint Ceremony to be held.

### Memorial Dance for Levi Charles Thunderbull

Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Traditional paint ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Groud dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5:30 p.m. For more information call (405) 262-3771, (405) 200-5276 or (405) 200-5052.

### Hinono'ei Community Gathering

1 p.m. Nov. 27, 2011 at the Native American Center in Canton, Okla. The Arapaho community invites All chiefs, headsmen and tribal members. Please bring a covered dish. A meal will be served.

### Lucky Star Casino presents Huey Lewis and The News

Dec. 2, 2011 at the Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Concert at 8 p.m. For more information call (405) 262-7612 or to order tickets visit [www.ticketstorm.com](http://www.ticketstorm.com).

### Special Tribal Council Meeting-Continued

10 a.m. Dec. 10, 2011, continued from Nov. 5, 2011 Tribal Council meeting to complete agenda formally introduced. For more information contact Lisa Martin at (405) 422-7430.

### Lucky Star Casino presents the Commodores and Kool & The Gang

Dec. 16, 2011 at the Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For more information call (405) 262-7612 or visit [www.luckystarcasino.org](http://www.luckystarcasino.org).

### Memorial Dance for Niehhi Skidi Hamilton

Saturday November 26, 2011

Canton Community Hall  
Canton, Oklahoma

Headstaff:

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| MC:                      | Bobby Sankey        |
| Head Singer:             | Frank Mosqueda      |
| Head Lady Dancer:        | Laketa Pratt        |
| Head Man Dancer:         | Edgar Heap-of-Birds |
| Head Little Boy Dancer:  | Aldan Whiteshirt    |
| Head Little Girl Dancer: | Nazhoni Sleeper     |
| Honored Elder:           | Viola Hatch         |
| Arena Director:          | James Daukei        |
| Co-Hosts:                | Red Moon Gourd Clan |

### Gourd Dancing at 3:00 p.m.

Supper at 5:00 p.m. - Dance to Follow

Women's Buckskin/Cloth Contest Sponsored by the Family

1st place-\$300 2nd place-\$200 3rd place-\$100

Special Invitation to all  
Arapaho Chiefs, Arapaho Rabbitmen, Cheyenne Chiefs, Cheyenne Headsmen

Paint Ceremony to be held



# One rally, one voice

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Photos by Rebecka Lyman  
Above: Yolanda Bluehorse traveled from Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas to be a guest speaker as she shares her personal story of her daughter's murder in 2000.

hopefully the powers that be will hear our words today, feel our presence and will come to know we will not stand for what has happened,” Bluehorse said.

Bluehorse spoke freely as she recalled her own daughter’s death.

“There once was a baby that was born into this world, that all she knew was good. As she grew her world was filled with love and smiles, everyone around her could feel her beauty and love for life. Then one day she was placed into the hands of another human being that was supposed to care for her, this individual was classified as being trust worthy. The caretaker slowly over time began to tear apart the innocent child’s spirit, day after day the child began to know pain and anguish, she began to know bad and hurt, this child did not understand, she did not know what she had done ... her innocent mind could not comprehend what was happening to her, but it still didn’t stop and the pain continued. Her only imperfection was that she could not speak up for herself and tell the world what was happening to her, she only had her tears to comfort her. Then one day, that beautiful light of her spirit was gone. The monster had finally blown out her flame of life. No one really knows how the child had cried for the pain to stop. All that remained was her limp body and a heart that could take no more and the world went silent for just a moment. The story of what happened to this little girl, could only come from now. From the pictures that recorded the bruises,” Bluehorse said. “The story I just told you is not only of 2 year

old Naomi Whitecrow, but also of my 2 year old daughter Jordon, that was murdered in 2000 by her caretaker.”

She said when she heard of Naomi’s story; she was reminded of how their deaths could have been prevented.

“The system failed both of these two beautiful little girls,” Bluehorse said. “We the people have to question, what happened and what went wrong, one of the things that went wrong is that little Naomi was placed with a person who was already known to hurt another child,” Bluehorse said.

Bluehorse said with emotion in her voice that in the case of Naomi’s broken and battered body she was entrusted to an office that failed as well, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma medical examiners office seem to have problems of being a stable entity.

“How many more people and children have to be killed, before your legislature, your state representatives, your senators finally start questioning the system that Oklahoman’s trust,” Bluehorse said as she pounded her hands on the podium. “It appears right now that your tax dollars are paying for a system that is broke.”

Bluehorse’s final words were of the punishment decision made in Naomi’s case.

“I can’t honestly believe that there is a monetary punishment in exist stance for hurting a child ... \$100 for a bruise, \$200 for a burn, \$5,000 for killing a child ... this is just simply unacceptable and utterly disgusting. We are all here today to

ask the judge to do something rare and unusual, we can only pray that what is right will be made right, Aho and God Bless you,” Bluehorse said in her closing remarks.

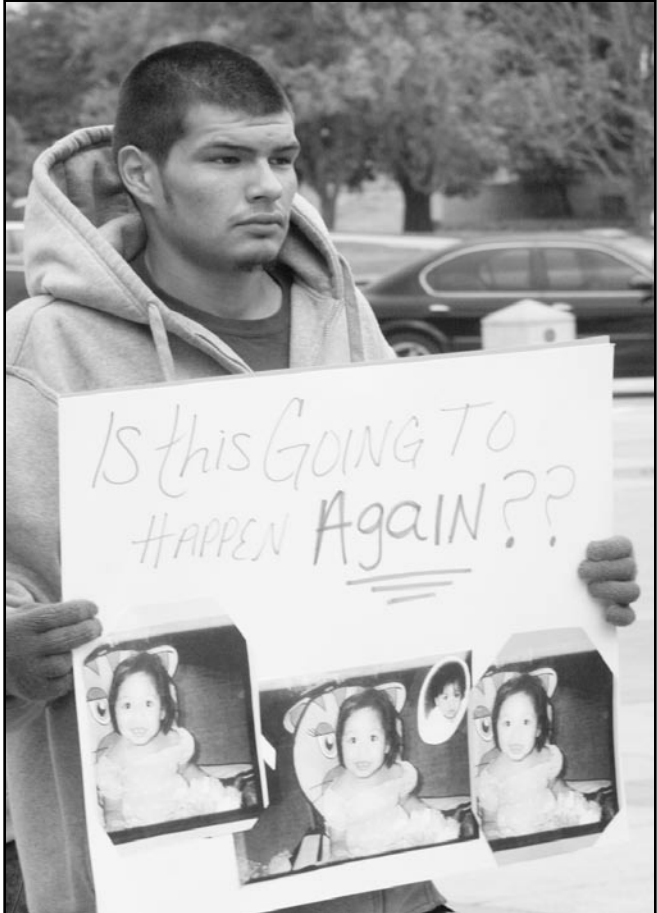
The grandfather of Naomi stood before the crowd and said.

“I would like to express my appreciation today to those of you who have came out today. This is a day for us to come together as one for little Naomi and for those who come after this day.”

The people stood and clapped as Debby Whitecrow, Naomi’s aunt and Kala Whitecrow, Naomi’s mother slowly approached the podium.

“I want to say thank you for coming out and showing your support for my niece. Her life will not be forgotten, her story will not be in vain, she will have a voice that speaks, and that voice is through us today,” Debby said. “Naomi had a beautiful smile that would light up a room, she showed a lot of love and affection to her litle brother and to others who were involved in her life.”

Debby emotionally said that the hands of a monster took her niece’s life.



Hundreds of supporters with signs traveled to the Oklahoma State Capitol to support the Campaign Justice for Naomi rally.

“She barely got to live into her second birthday, however her convicted child abuser gets to walk free, where is the justice in that?” Debby asked.

Naomi’s mother Kala attempted to speak, but only tears could flow from her face.

# Formal sentencing for Amy L. Holder



Photo by Rebecka Lyman  
Debby Whitecrow, Naomi Whitecrow’s aunt, holds up a sign outside the Logan County Courthouse in Guthrie, Okla.

“No justice, no peace.”

Those were the words shouted outside the Logan County Courthouse in Guthrie, Okla.

On Nov. 7, 2011 Judge Stephen Kistler handed down sentencing of a \$5,000 fine to Holder who was found guilty of felony child abuse resulting in the death of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, Naomi Whitecrow.

Outside the courthouse demonstrators from all over Oklahoma shouted their outrage at the punishment.

“This isn’t a punishment ... this is a slap on the hand,” Debby Whitecrow, Naomi’s aunt said.

Inside the courtroom Judge Kistler addressed Holder prior to handing down the sentence.

“Ms. Holder I want you to know that I received hundreds and hundreds of letters and emails regarding your sentencing ... not just from Oklahoma but from all over the United States and the public are outraged,” Judge Kistler said. “I have researched this extensively and I am not able to in-

crease the punishment the jury has recommended according to the laws of the state of Oklahoma.”

Judge Kistler said even though he could not increase Holder’s punishment, there were additional items that could be added to her punishment from the prosecution.

Prosecutor, Vincent Antonioli, asked for additional conditions, that the defendant pay \$150 for OSBI investigation-related costs, that she pay a \$10,000 assessment to a victim’s compensation fund, that she be required to successfully complete counseling for child abusers and that she registers as a violent offender on the National Registry for ten years.

Outside the courthouse, Debby reads a letter from Naomi’s mother, Kala. Kala was told she would be allowed to address the court, however, in a last minute decision Judge Kistler disallowed her to speak.

“I would like to read off something Naomi’s mother prepared that she was told she would be able to read in court, but was not heard and

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

I am going to read this to make sure she is heard. People want to point fingers at DHS the agency because they placed Naomi in her last days with Amy Holder ... it was Holder who starved and beat our healthy 2 year old,” Debby read from Kala’s prepared statement. “Amy Holder does not have to endure the pain of our loss of Naomi ... I don’t understand why they didn’t let Kala speak in there yet the judge asks a murderer if she has anything to say? I don’t understand,” Debby said.

Holder’s attorney, Scott Adams, said he does not plan to appeal any phase of Holder’s punishment.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ are continuing their efforts to have Naomi’s Law introduced into Oklahoma legislation. Naomi’s Law is an attempt to change the current laws in Oklahoma that protect child abusers and prohibits judges in the state of Oklahoma from being allowed to increase punishment of a convicted child abuser.



# Special Tribal Council

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thorizing the Governor of the Tribes to Enter into An Agreement on Behalf of the Tribes for Placement of Tribal Fee Property, Located in Geary, Oklahoma, into Trust in the Name of the United States for the Benefit of the Tribes.

8. A Resolution Authorizing the Governor of the Tribes to Enter into an Agreement on Behalf of the Tribes for Placement of Tribal Fee Property, Located in Hinton, Oklahoma, into Trust in the Name of the United States for the Benefit of the Tribes.

9. A Resolution to Adopt the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Membership Ordinance.

10. A Resolution Authorizing the Governor of the Tribes to Enter into an Agreement on Behalf of the Tribes for Placement of Tribal Fee Property (Elk City Property), located in Elk City, Oklahoma, into Trust in the Name of the United States for the Benefit of the Tribes.

11. A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Governor to Submit the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Grant Application to DOJ in the Amount of \$2,124,932.00.

12. A Resolution to Adopt Rules of Procedure to Govern Civil Exclusion and Removal.

13. A Resolution to Formally Express Its Support for Governor Boswell’s Refusal to Authorize Any Further Payments to Bob A. Smith and Seek All Funds Previously Given to Him if He Takes Any Action Based on His Illegal Contract and/or His Breach Thereof.

14. A Resolution to Subject Bob A. Smith to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

15. A Resolution to Subject Erica Hart-Whitecloud to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

16. A Resolution to Subject Jeremy Oliver to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

17. A Resolution to Subject Michael Rosenquist to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

18. A Resolution to Subject Michael Sulphur to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

19. A Resolution to Subject Padraic McCoy to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

20. A Resolution to Subject Patrick Foley to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

21. A Resolution to Subject Rocky Brown to Civil Exclusion and Removal.

22. A Resolution to Repeal the “C & A Communication Act,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2011-RS-02-03.

23. A Resolution to Repeal the “Amendments to the Tribal Employee Rights Ordinance,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2011-RS-07-01.

24. A Resolution to Repeal the “Uniform Procurement Manual of 2010,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2011-RS-07-10.

25. A Resolution to Repeal the “A Bill to Create a Department of Commerce for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2011-RS-12-03.

26. A Resolution to Repeal the “Election Ordinance Act of 2010,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-10-13.

27. A Resolution to Repeal “A Resolution Calling for a 2010 Special Election to Amend the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Constitution,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-02-09.

28. A Resolution to Repeal the “Release of BIA Law Enforcement Services” Resolution, as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-06-04.

29. A Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Enter into an Amended and/or Modified Firefighting Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Purpose of Designating the Black Kettle Fire Crew as the Home Unit for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

30. A Resolution to Repeal the “Uniform Property Manual of 2010,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-

10-01.

31. A Resolution to Repeal the “General Revenue and Taxation Act of 2010,” as That is More Specifically Described in 3L-2010-RS-09-01.

32. A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 061111STC-003 to Make Clear the Housing Authority of Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma is Authorized to Apply for a HIP Contract on Behalf of the Tribes.

A motion to strike item numbers 6 and 24 was made by Joyce Wood and seconded by Janet Wood. The motion passed with a vote of 42 for, 0 against and 9 abstaining.

Item number 1: A Resolution Establishing Public Policy Regarding Transparency in Public Finance and Government Expenditures passed with a vote of 42 for, 0 against and 9 abstaining. An amendment to insert language, “a monthly report of tribal expenditures of casinos and other business enterprises” be added passed with a vote of 43 for, 11 against and 0 abstaining.

Item number 2: A Resolution Establishing Public Policy Regarding Tribal Elections and the Integrity of Public Service passed with a vote of 64 for, 0 against and 6 abstaining.

The special Tribal Council meeting chairperson, Hoffman, called a five-minute recess to reestablish a quorum of 75 tribal members due to the tally of votes collected on items number 1 and 2.

Quorum was reestablished at 11:11 a.m. and the meeting called back into order.

Item number 3: A Resolution to Approve Payment on Invoices for Legal Services Provided to the Tribes by the Assistant Tribal Council Attorney passed with a vote of 61 for, 3 against and 12 abstaining. An amendment to dismiss Rick Grellner as Tribal Council attorney was passed with a vote of 54 for, 5 against and 8 abstaining. Another amendment to elect Amber Suitor-Big Horse as Tribal Council attorney was motioned by

Vera Franklin, seconded by Anita Hoffman. The amendment passed with a vote of 71 for, 4 against and 7 abstaining.

Item number 4: A Resolution Authorizing the Tribal Council Attorneys to Coordinate with the Executive and Legislative Branch on Issues and Projects of Public Importance passed with a vote of 61 for, 0 against and 5 abstaining.

Item number 5: A Resolution Authorizing the Governor of the Tribes to Enter into an Agreement on Behalf of the Tribes for Placement of Tribal fee Property, Located in Clinton, Oklahoma, into Trust in the Name of the United States for the Benefit of the Tribes passed with a vote of 69 for, 0 against and 3 abstaining.

Item number 6 was stricken from the agenda.

Item number 7: A Resolution Authorizing the Governor of the Tribes to Enter into An Agreement on Behalf of the Tribes for Placement of Tribal Fee Property, Located in Geary, Oklahoma, into Trust in the Name of the United States for the Benefit of the Tribes passed with a vote of 64 for, 0 against and 1 abstaining.

Item number 8: A Resolution Authorizing the Governor of the Tribes to Enter into an Agreement on Behalf of the Tribes for Placement of Tribal Fee Property, Located in Hinton, Oklahoma, into Trust in the Name of the United States for the Benefit of the Tribes passed with a vote of 72 for, 1 against and 3 abstaining.

A motion to recess the Nov. 5, 2011 meeting until 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011 was made and passed with a vote of 90 for, 2 against and 0 abstaining. The meeting recessed at 12:03 p.m.

The remaining agenda items will be voted on at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

# Official Minutes of Annual Tribal Council Meeting - Oct. 1, 2011

Submitted by the Office of the Tribal Council Coordinator

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# Counting Coup-The Ultimate Bravery of Plains Warriors

Coup is a French word, pronounced koo, defined as “a highly successful, unexpected stroke, act, or move; a daring deed performed in battle.” As related to the Plains Indians, to “count coup” and “countingcoup” are generally used as generic expressions encompassing and acknowledging graduated acts of life-threatening bravery. Artists, such as Charles M. Russell, commonly portrayed Indians counting coup by a warrior touching or striking, but not killing, an enemy with his coup stick, lance, rattle, whip, hand, gun or bow. It took more courage to get close enough to touch an enemy than to shoot him dead with an arrow.

*Influence of Horses*  
The culturally acceptable bravado of the Plains Indians was momentarily influenced by the horse. Indeed, the magnificent and mighty horse, with its fleetness and strength, became a necessary component in warring while also improving the standard of living of the nomadic Plains Indians—as it had earlier done for societies of other continents. With the advents of Hernando de Soto and Francisco Vasquez de Coronado’s 1540s expeditions into North America, the explorers’ strayed and traded animals slowly became available to the indigenous people of the Plains. Most tribes of the Plains acquired horses between 1630 and not later than 1750. Horses largely replaced the Indians’ dogs as beasts of burden and lessened the drudgery of camp movement, even though clans needed to move more frequently to provide adequate grazing for their camp’s horses. A family’s wealth was at times measured by its number of horses, thus promoting thievery and trade of the animal.

*Role Modification*  
The Plains Indians’ acquisition of horses precipitated increased hostile encounters between tribes and allowed modification of the man’s role as the hunter, tool maker and protector. A man’s duty as protector of his family, clan and tribe was extended and enfranchised to the role of mounted warrior.

The availability and desirability of the horse changed the way Plains men (and occasionally women) fought and added an economic motive for war. Men were enabled by their horses to be more aggressive towards territorial invaders, more able to seek out enemies, more encouraged to steal horses from tribal enemies, and more adept in warring and seeking consecrated coups. Counting coup, after all, was the Plains Indian’s quickest but most dangerous pathway for achieving prestige, hero worship, and possibly chieftainship.

Honor for One, Humiliation for the Other Counting coup was a form of warfare in which honor was more valuable than life. “The surprise nudge from a coup stick would sting in an opponent’s memory”5 long after the counter rode off with his self esteem enhanced and bragging rights in sight. By counting coup, the warrior demonstrated that he could have vanquished his foe if he had wanted.

Both the number and types of coups labeled the Plains warriors, making them the sum of their actions and establishing their position in the tribal honor system. As in most cultures, status mattered and “competition to count the greatest coup was intense.”

Diminishing the self esteem, the pride of an adversary, humiliating him, was worse for the individual than having been killed. When Jack Red Cloud’s horse was shot from un-

der him, he ran for cover. However, rather than killing Red Cloud, son of famous Oglala Sioux Chief Red Cloud, three Crows “merrily rode after him, lashing him with their whips and laughing...”.

A similar story was told by Wooden Leg, a Sioux, who remembered taking off after a fleeing soldier, with his friend Little Bird, at Greasy Grass (Little Big Horn): “We were lashing him with our pony whips. It seemed not brave to shoot him.

*Honor with Truth*  
At ceremonial gatherings and social occasions, battles were often topics of discussion. A warrior claiming a coup was expected to describe his achievement to his tribal council, whose members were allowed to seek corroboration.10 Warriors told the truth in their recollections of a counted coup in that “if they lied they would surely be killed by the enemy.”

Coups ascribed to warriors were declined if mistakenly attributed. Kroeber tells of two Arapahos who earlier had struck a dead Ute. Each encouraged the other to take the honor of the first blow. One finally consented, but upon locating the body it was found largely decomposed, negating the right to count coup.

*Visual Accountings of Coups Counted*  
Feathers in the hair and notches or feathers on coup sticks acknowledged the owner’s coups -- his acts of bravery in which he risked injury or death.12 Plenty-coups, a Crow chief, told writer Linderman that if a Crow was injured in counting coup that the feather was painted red “to show that he bled.”

Oddly, being wounded was a lesser honor than if one escaped unharmed. More understandably, with bravery being a required test for counting coup, winning by overwhelming numbers counted no coup. Scalps’ value, as trophies of war, varied among tribes. Whereas the Sioux and Cree found them a mark of valor, many tribes viewed them of far less worth than counting coup.

Roman Nose, famous Cheyenne war chief, always rode into battle with a trailing war bonnet thick with eagle feathers, each signifying a coup counted on his enemies.16 Some warriors signified that they killed an enemy by wearing a feather vertically in their long hair. When a warrior counted more than one coup, the additional coups were frequently announced by painted stripes and notching of a feather. A warrior wearing a feather horizontally signified that he had struck a wounded enemy. As was the case with Roman Nose, when a warrior earned enough coup feathers “he was allowed to wear them on a war bonnet.”

*Gradation of Coups*  
Even though coup exploits usually required risking death, some acts were seemingly less demanding. One researcher reported coup being counted by the touching of a dead enemy, such as Custer’s body. A coup could also be achieved by striking the first enemy falling in battle regardless of who killed him. The stealing of a horse from an enemy’s camp was a risky coup in that if caught it would most certainly result in death. However, keeping with the requirement of having performed a life-threatening exploit, stealing several unguarded horses was not honored as a coup. Some tribes allowed coup to be counted on women and children, but the most honored

Credit: Extraction from  
Charles M. Russell’s Counting Coup.  
Bobby F. Steere



coup involved the warrior taking “his foe’s weapons, horses, and ceremonial equipment” such as the adversary’s own coup feathers.

The last traditional chief of the Crows, Joseph Medicine Crow (now High Bird), was trained by his grandfather Yellowtail to be a warrior. Later, as a World War II warrior, he accomplished four feats similar to the four coups necessary for chieftainship in the Crow Nation. The four traditional coups included, (1) sneaking into an enemy’s camp without the enemy being awakened, (2) touching the first enemy battle casualty, (3) taking away an enemy’s knife, tomahawk, spear, gun or bow, and (4) leading a war party that returned with trophies and all his fellow warriors.

Author Anthony McGinnis’ synthesis of intertribal warfare among Plains tribes between 1738-1889 recognized that members of the warrior societies could be “distinguished by their distinctive regalia that would obligate them to do battle in some spectacular way.” Some warriors of different tribes wore a no retreat sash.

“On the battlefield, the wearer was expected to pin the free end to the ground and there take a stand.”

Pawnee Crazy Dog once dispensed with the sash and “tied a cord to his penis, the other end to a stake planted in the ground beyond which he would not retreat...”.

*Sons of Warriors*  
Boys imitated their fathers and other combatants in their daily play of horsemanship, practicing endurance, use of bows in hunting and other skills. Play activities served as training activities for the day when they would be invited to accompany a raiding party, first in errand-boy roles. Lads by puberty had heard their fathers and extended family members speak of heroic exploits around evening camp fires.

Plenty-coups recalls as a boy ,“How I wished to count coup, to wear an eagle’s feather in my hair, to sit in the council with my chiefs...”; “My heart was afire...”; [no one ever] “wished to be a man more than I.”

In most tribes, a boy joined raiding parties around 15 or 16 years of age and continued in that role until his late thirties “or longer if the man had no son to carry on in his place.”

Pierre Antoine Tabeau, a French-Canadian trader and contact person for Meriwether Lewis and William Clark in 1804, stated that a young man had no social position without taking part in war since he had “no right to answer the insult of a warrior.”

He, who was untested in war, was admitted “neither to an important fest nor to

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certain assemblies.”

Recalling that honors in war and raids decided tribal leadership, some young warriors were against peace. Lewis witnessed this at Fort Mandan when several older Hidatsas, who already had achieved war honors and had retired from the warpath, were in agreement with Lewis’ proposal for intertribal peace. One young man breached his elders’ agreement with Lewis with a counter rationale that without raids, young men could not count coups and obtain the honors necessary for the making of chiefs. With no way to count coups, the tribe would run out of chiefs.

## Wives, Women of Warriors, and Woman Warriors

It matters not whether a woman was the only wife of a warrior, or if she shared her position; in either case, as her man’s status grew with his counting of coups, her pride naturally increased. Admiration of an Omaha husband’s war successes, by others, extended to wives the honor of carrying in the victory dance any scalps her husband had taken. Plains women generally paid little attention to men who were not successful in combat and hunting. Occasionally, women performed the most brave feat of a battle. Cheyenne women probably participated more as warriors than in most tribes.

In the Battle of the Rosebud, involving General George Crook’s US Army and 260 Crow and Shoshone scouts33 against the Lakota (Sioux) and Cheyenne tribes, a Cheyenne woman, Buffalo Calf Road, sister of Chief Comes in Sight, saw that the Crows and Shoshones had shotCome in Sight’s horse from under him and were closing in to finish him off. Suddenly Buffalo Calf Road whipped her horse into the middle of them, her brother jumped up behind her, and she deftly zigzagged her galloping pony to safety, saving her brother’s life as well as her own.

The Plains Indian warriors’ bravado is exemplified by a magnificent legendary tale shared by Jenny Leading Cloud, Sioux. The legend is about Brave Woman, a beautiful Sioux of the Hunkpapa band and proud young maiden who convinced her chieftain father to allow her to join a war party and count coups in honor of her three brothers killed by the Crows. Here told is a shortened paraphrase of Jenny’s story.

Many young men desired Brave Woman for a wife, but she would not marry. “I will not take a husband until I have counted coups on the Crows to avenge my dead brothers.” Among those desiring Brave Woman as a wife was Red Horn, the son of a chief. Little Eagle was another young warrior who loved Brave woman but was too shy to declare his love because he was poor and had never distinguished himself.

On the day of the battle, Brave woman put on her best dress of white buckskin and her father’s war bonnet and joined Red Horn, Little Eagle and the other warriors to chase the Crows from the banks of the Missouri.

Upon reaching the large camp of Crows, Brave Woman gave her oldest brother’s lance and shield to Red Horn and said, “Count Coup for my dead brother.” She then gave Little Eagle the bow and arrows of her second brother and said, “Count coup for him who owned these.” She gave the war club of her youngest brother to another young warrior. Brave Woman only carried one object, her father’s coup stick covered in otter fur.

As the battle progressed, Brave Woman held back but supported her tribe by singing brave-heart songs and by making the shrill, trembling war cry with which Indian

women encourage their men.

After she rallied her male comrades of the war party, she counted several coups on her own before her horse was killed under her. One of her two admirers, the shy and undistinguished Little Eagle, put her on his mount, saving her from death, but resulting in his own demise. Little Eagle’s bravery of saving Brave Woman, a comrade, was a counted coup. It was a great victory for the Sioux that day though many young warriors died. As for Brave Woman, upon returning to her camp she:...gashed her arms and legs with a sharp knife. She cut her hair short and tore her white buckskin dress.Thus she mourned for Little Eagle. They had not been man and wife; in fact he had hardly dared speak to her or look at her, but now she asked everybody to treat her as if she were the young warrior’s widow. Brave Woman never took a husband. Indeed, this touching legend illustrates the bravery and comradery - and even love - that existed in the midst of hostilities and coup counting.

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# Easy Caramel Apple Pie

## Cooking with USDA Foods

Recipes furnished by the  
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Ingredients:  
For the Pie:  
5-6 apples  
2 pie crusts for bottom and top of pie  
Caramel sauce  
¾ cup brown sugar, packed  
3 tbsp flour  
¼ cup white sugar  
4 tbsp butter  
2 tsp water  
A pinch of salt  
A pinch of cinnamon  
½ tsp vanilla

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Place 1 crust in pie pan. Wash and drain the apples. Thinly slice the apples (don’t

peel them) and arrange them in the pie crust.

Turn up the crust and form a rim around the apples. From the second crust cut strips and lattice them across the apples, trim to fit the pan. Flute the edges of the crust by pinching the top and bottom crusts together.

For the caramel sauce, in a saucepan mix the brown sugar, flour, white sugar, butter, water, salt and cinnamon. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Boil for 3 minutes. Remove from heat, add vanilla. Gently pour the caramel sauce over the pie covering it completely.

Place in preheated oven for 15 minutes, then lower oven temperature to 360 degrees. Bake for 25-30 more minutes. or until crust is golden and pie is bubbling.

Remove from oven, cool. Serve plain or with whipped topping.

# BRIEFS

**Casino Accounting and Auditing for Indian Gaming Organizations**  
Dec. 1-2, 2011 at the Signature MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

**Family Law in Indian Country-A Comparative Approach**  
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**The 2011 Intertribal Agricultural Council Symposium**  
Dec. 5-9, 2011 at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.indianaglink.com.

**The 13th annual Native Women’s Leadership Conference**  
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**National American Indian Housing Council 2011**

**Legal Symposium**  
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Dec. 12-14, 2011 at the Signature MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

**Southwest Native American Economic Development Conference**  
Dec. 12-13, 2011 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel in Chandler, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.indiangaming.com.

**The 12th annual Mid-Year Native Secretaries and Administrative Assistants’ Conference**  
Dec. 13-14, 2011 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, Okla. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.



# Safeguarding the rights of Indian children in foster care

By Callis Marie Hernandez-Kramer  
Oklahoma County PARB Director

*“This article was written with the assistance of PARB members DJ Battiest, MBS, NCP, US (Oklahoma City Indian Clinic Behavioral Therapist); Steve Hager and Clara Bowen-Cunningham, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Indian Child Welfare acting executive director.”*

The 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act requires that state courts take special steps to protect the relationship between Indian children, parents and tribes. The Act was designed to prevent the breakup of the Indian family, and provide protections for Indian children in state courts. For those not familiar with the law, it is a potential minefield of problems that could result in years of casework being undone. In Oklahoma, ICWA compliance is particularly important, since twenty-five percent of state custody cases involve Indian children.

In June 2009, Associate District Judge Richard Kirby requested that a specialized Post Adjudication Review Board “PARB” be formed dealing exclusively with the ICWA. The ICWA PARB board has a unique opportunity to see cases from the perspective of the federal law. They take a holistic approach and look at missing links, investigate special circumstances, and make specialized recommendations that they believe will benefit the Indian children in the case. The Board is unique in that it has a great deal of expertise: many of its members are Indian law attorneys and tribal social workers, while others bring varied life experience to the panel.

PARB is meant to provide an additional assurance that the best interests of at-risk children are being met. It accomplishes this through an external review of child services and court proceedings, making recommendations to improve case proceedings as well as administration of the system. As a result, children achieve safety, stability and permanency without undue delay; enjoy continuity of relationships; and have the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Each case holds a unique story that

begins with neglect, abuse, abandonment or an unsafe environment. The PARB boards are composed of community volunteers who want to make a difference in the lives of these children. These review boards serve as advisors to the courts, making recommendations regarding the children’s safety, permanency and well-being. Child welfare workers, foster parents, attorneys, judges, counselors, therapists, teachers, and tribal members can be review board members. In Oklahoma County, there are eight boards with sixty volunteers.

The hard work and dedication of the volunteers that serve in Oklahoma County continue to make a difference to Indian children. In Oklahoma County, there are over 2,500 children within the system at any time, with PARB providing a second, important layer of review to protect their rights. A volunteer’s investment of just a few hours a month helps ensure that no child gets lost in the system.

As a voice for the children in Okla-



Courtesy photo

*Back row: PARB members Steve Hager, D.J. Battiest and Clara Bowen-Cunningham. Front row: Richard Kirby, Associate District Judge of the District Court of Oklahoma City.*

homa County, volunteers have the ability to favorably influence the courts and outcomes. The PARB system depends on the hard work and vigilance of the volunteers. We can only succeed with support from people like you. By giving just a few hours a month, you can help ensure that no child gets lost in the system. For more information about PARB in your area, please contact Mark James, State PARB Director at (405) 606-4900, toll free at (866) 335-9288 and by email at [mjames@okkids.org](mailto:mjames@okkids.org).



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Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
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Nov. 20  
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From the Blackowl family,  
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Happy Birthday  
Darian  
Love you very much!  
Mom





A year’s gone by,  
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How Harper has grown!  
She’s such a joy and so  
much fun, Oh my! Our baby  
Harper! is turning One!  
Happy 1st Birthday Harper  
Pearl Gaines. Nov. 22  
We love you very much.  
Mommy, daddy,  
and Hazel Ruby.



Happy Birthday  
J.J. Gould!!  
Oct. 11  
We love you,  
Your family.





Happy Birthday  
to my beautiful daughter.  
Nov. 14  
We love you very much.  
Love you, mom and pops.





Happy Birthday  
to our son  
Patrick Emhoolah II  
Nov. 15  
Love mom and dad.





Ronnie Sleeper  
Age 17, July 1965, first trip  
to Danang Vietnam.  
Second trip in 1968 for  
Country. The tribes, family  
and friends thank God I  
came home.

*In Loving Memory of*

Niehhi Skidi Hamilton  
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This life is filled with pain and sorrow,  
I always wonder if I’ll make it through tomorrow.  
I don’t know what I’m going to do,  
I’m always missing you.  
I think about the joy, laughter, and tears,  
and try not to have any fears. I close my eyes and  
take a deep breath,  
But once again I start thinking about your death.  
You told me you would only be gone a little while,  
And told me to always keep on a smile.  
But it’s been longer than a while,  
how do you expect me to smile?  
I know you will always be in my heart,  
But it is slowly breaking apart.  
I always loved having you near,  
and now I wish you were here.  
It’s been one year and we still Love and Miss you  
Like crazy brother!  
From the Hamilton’s on 702 Thompson Drive.

Happy  
Thanksgiving



*Thank You!*

The Native American community of Canton  
would like to thank Roni Robinette  
for all her efforts and putting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual  
Halloween party for all the children.



## Red ribbon week

Submitted article

Cheyenne and Arapaho Social Services representatives, Kim Kannady and Lori Seitter-Lee visited elementary schools in Canton, Seiling and Hammon, Okla. to help recognize and celebrate Red Ribbon Week.

Red Ribbon Week was the week of Oct. 24-30, 2011. Over 495 children were served red ribbon cupcakes to commemorate the week and to learn about making their schools, their homes and their communities drug free.

Kannady spoke to the classes about the importance of making their lives drug free and how they can help each other by making their *Drug Free Pledge*.

In the pledge, each child promises to keep their bodies safe from drugs and alcohol and to be a good example to others by staying drug free.

As a child protection worker Kannady said she often sees the destruction of families due to drug and alcohol abuse. She encouraged all students to talk to someone about problems and to let their teachers, counselors, friends and family members know when they need help with a situation that has them scared or upset.

Kannady and Seitter-Lee shared the history of red ribbon week.

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the United States. It takes place each year for a full week, usually the last week in October. Red Ribbon Week was started in 1985 to commemorate the

life of Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, who grew up in poverty and wanted to make a difference in the lives of others. Because of the investigation Agent Camarena was working on that involved high ranking members of a Mexican drug cartel, Camarena was brutally tortured, killed and his body was found in a shallow grave one month after his death.

Friends of Camarena wished to honor their fallen brother and began a campaign. This campaign was signified by wearing red satin ribbons to honor the memory of Camarena.

From that time forward friends and agents of the DEA have worked to spread the Red Ribbon Pledge to children everywhere. Not only do they honor a fallen brother but they let the world know that one person can make a difference against drugs.

Camarena wanted to make a difference so children would not have to grow up in fear and in poverty as he had. His memory lives on with each child who pledges to be “Drug Free” and it gives hope to all who have suffered from drug abuse in their families and in their communities.

Social Services continues to work closely with the schools to promote health in mind, body and spirit and to aid families and children who need their assistance.

For more information on Red Ribbon Week or social services call (405) 422-7594 or (405) 422-7539.



### Head Start program hosts first fatherhood luncheon

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start program in Concho, Okla. hosted its first fatherhood luncheon on Oct. 27, 2011.

The fatherhood event is an effort to involve our students’ fathers, grandfathers, uncles and male role models in their school activities.

The luncheon was a great success. There were nine fathers, two grandfathers and one great-grandfather who attended to have lunch with their child. They were served roast pork, sauerkraut, bread, peaches and milk.

Everyone enjoyed having all the families attend the luncheon and we look forward to having another event in November.

Thank you to all the fathers, grandfathers, great grandfather, and moms who attended to make the luncheon a success. The children and the staff enjoyed having all the families at the center.



# Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to: Personnel Department P.O. Box 167 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: [whaaq@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:whaaq@c-a-tribes.org)

**Teacher-Child Development  
On-Call-Clinton  
Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Teachers hired after July 1, 1995 are required to be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED certification or have completed the 10th grade and be in the process of obtaining a GED for a period not to exceed 12 months. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license and pass a physical exam. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. and demonstrate basic knowledge of early childhood development. Must attend staff meetings, parent meetings and submit monthly reports. Must have adequate transportation, skills to relate to the community in general. Must pass a criminal background check and a mandatory drug and alcohol test. Willing to work a flexible schedule. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Dietitian-RD/LD  
Wellness Center, Concho, OK  
Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Bachelor's degree in nutrition from an accredited institution. One to two years experience in diabetes education preferred. Must possess current registration through the Commission of Dietetic Registration and current licensure through the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Ability to work independently and ability to be reliable. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license and meet requirements for the use of a GSA vehicle. Familiar with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal culture. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must be able to work flexible hours including, but not limited to, evenings and weekends. Must pass OSBI background check.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Head Start Teacher Aide  
Clinton and Concho  
Closing Date: Continuous**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification and minimum of one year experience working in an early childhood education classroom; or an equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain additional training and/or obtain additional training/or CDA or state certificate as requested. Ability to work effectively with low-income and special needs children. Ability to function effectively in cross-cultural situations. Ability to use positive approach in directing and redirecting child behavior, and work cooperatively as a member of a team. Current Childhood Emergency/CPA or First Aide/ CPR certification or the ability to obtain one and CDL. Obtain and hold current food handler's card or the ability to obtain one. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and agrees to random drug testing.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Master Teacher  
Clinton Child Development  
Closing Date: Until filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Bachelor's degree in nutrition from an accredited institution. One to two years experience in diabetes education preferred. Must possess current registration through the Commission of Dietetic Registration and current licensure through the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license and meet requirements for the use of a GSA vehicle. Familiar with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal culture. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must be able to work flexible hours including but not limited to evenings and weekends. Must pass OSBI background check.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Elder Care Caseworker  
Elder Care Program  
Closing Date: Nov. 23, 2011**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification required. Must be able to satisfactorily pass a background check. Must have computer skills and be able to type. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference. Must pass pre-hire drug screening.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Community Health Nurse  
Diabetes Wellness  
Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Must possess current Oklahoma RN Nursing license. Possess strong verbal and written skills. Able to pass background check. Possess current unrestricted Oklahoma driver's license. Knowledgeable of Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal traditions and customs. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Director  
Diabetes Wellness Center  
Closing Date: Nov. 18, 2011**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Knowledge of Tribal Government structure, policies and procedures in administration including finance, personnel, planning, data systems and evaluation methods. Federal rules and regulations that apply to administration of IHS grant programs. Skills in supervising and providing direction and motivating staff personnel. Must be able to communicate effectively orally and in writing. Bachelor's degree in health related field, health education and two years of supervisory experience preferred. Demonstrated skills in grant and contract writing. Ability to work cooperatively with professional personnel as community members. Note: No substitution is allowed for required supervisory experience. Must have current Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Special announcement to all patients of the Clinton Service Unit Hours of Operation**

To all patients of the Clinton, Watonga and El Reno Clinics, this is important information about clinic hours at all three facilities of the Clinton Service Unit.

This is a reminder that each month the El Reno Indian Health Center will open at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month and the Clinton Indian Health Center will open at 10 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

Additionally, in each quarter of the year there is a month that has a fifth Wednesday. On the afternoon only of the fifth Wednesday we will not be accepting any walk-ins or making any appointments and we will limit our available services at all three facilities. The next fifth Wednesday is Nov. 30, 2011. Please remember that services will be limited in the afternoon only on the fifth Wednesday and while we will not be closed, we may not be able to meet all your needs at that time.

These changes to our hours will allow us to conduct trainings and meetings that help the staff stay informed and compliant with state, federal and IHS rules and regulations. This allows us to better serve your needs.

We appreciate your understanding and thank you for being our valued customer.

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The Substance Abuse Program can be contacted at (580) 331-2370 or by dialing toll free (800) 247-4612 extension 32370.

**CLOSING**

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011 in Observance of Thanksgiving and Friday, Nov. 25, 2011 in Observance of National Native American Heritage Day. Offices will reopen Monday, Nov. 28, 2011 at 8 a.m.

**Cancer Awareness Health Fair**

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Community Health Representatives hosted a Cancer Awareness Health Fair on Oct. 26, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Deborah Ellis, Health Education spoke about breast cancer awareness and a cancer survivors' panel answered questions about cancer.

CHRs provided health screenings while Zumba classes and chair exercising demonstrations took place.

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All copy submitted is requested to be sent electronically in Microsoft Word without boxes around the text or hyperlinks. We are unable to open Publisher documents nor can we publish copyrighted material without permission.

All letters to the editor must be signed along with address and phone number for contact purposes.

*Thank you*



**Wings of America American Indian Youth Development Program**

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Nike Cross Nationals has partnered with Wings to help find the best young runners in Indian Country. Based on performance at their region's NXN qualifying race, the top six men and top six women.

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selected student-athletes will be covered by Wings of America. Uniforms and team apparel will be provided by Nike.

To learn more about this opportunity and to identify yourself as an eligible competitor, please contact Wings' program director, Dustin Martin by email at [wingsprgrmdir@aol.com](mailto:wingsprgrmdir@aol.com) or by phone at (505) 977 5057.

**In Memorium**

**Jerome Howlingwater Sr.**  
Dec. 30, 1950  
Oct. 28, 2011

A wake service was held for Jerome Howlingwater Sr. at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011 at the Comanche Nation Chapel in Lawton, Okla.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 3, 2011 at the Hammon High School Auditorium in Hammon, Okla. followed by an Interment at the Hammon Indian Cemetery.

**Mary Louise Lonebear**  
Dec. 5, 1958  
Nov. 5, 2011

A wake service for Mary Louise Lonebear was held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011 at the Stanley Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Clinton, Okla.

A funeral service was held on Nov. 9, 2011 at the Bethany Brethren in Christ Church in Thomas, Okla. followed by an Interment at the Mt. Hope Cemetery.

**Ursula Joy McDonald**  
May 27, 1965  
Nov. 1, 2011

A wake service was held for Ursula Joy McDonald at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 2011 at the Watonga Indian Baptist Church in Watonga, Okla.

A funeral service was held on Nov. 5, 2011 at the Oakwood Auditorium in Oakwood, Okla. followed by an Interment at the Oakwood Memorial Cemetery.

**Raymond R. Standing Water**  
July 2, 1966  
Oct. 26, 2011

A wake service was held for Raymond R. Standing Water at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, 2011 at the Abundant Life Church in Clinton, Okla.

A funeral service was held on Nov. 1, 2011 at the Abundant Life Church followed by an Interment at the Colony Indian Cemetery.





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# Top entertainment continues to rock Lucky Star Event Center



Fans continue to pack the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla.

Performers rock the Event Center with performances from Snoop Dog, Gary Allen and Stone Temple Pilots.

Upcoming events include Huey Lewis and the News on Dec. 1, Commodores and Kool & the Gang on Dec. 16 and legendary country music award winner, Loretta Lynn on Feb. 18.

For more information on upcoming concerts call (405) 262-7612 or visit [www.luckystarcasino.org](http://www.luckystarcasino.org).



By Dr. Henrietta Mann,  
Cheyenne & Arapaho  
Tribal College President



President Henrietta Mann of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College (CATC) located on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) announces a course line-up for spring 2012.

CATC is a public two-year cultural based institution of higher education. The course offerings include Cheyenne and Arapaho language courses and other culture-based courses. A student can earn a minor in American Indian Studies or an Associate in Science Degree in one of four programs: American Indian Studies, General Studies, Tribal Administration, or Children's Teachers [Early Childhood Education].

In keeping with its Vision Statement, CATC is a contemporary exercise in what it is to be a sovereign institution and being accountable to Cheyenne and Arapaho grandparents who have always placed a high value on education. Accountability is a hallmark of tribal ways of life, and there is no better way for youth to be accountable to their ancestors than for them to fulfill their dreams of education. It is important for today's younger generations to honorably wear those educational moccasins that follow in the footsteps of generations upon generations of Tsistsistas and Hinónóéí.

Dr. Mann, will acquaint students to the Literature of the American Indian. The professor and course content, which is a combination of stories and literature, will thrill and enlighten all students.

Alden Whiteman, CATC vice president will introduce students to American Indian Belief Systems. Whiteman discusses select tribal belief systems from both historical and contemporary perspectives.

Gordon Yellowman, Cheyenne and Arapaho artist, will share valuable information and insights with students about Art History of the Plains Indian.

Don Tofpi, a retired Bureau of Indian Affairs contract specialist, will teach Self-Determination Contract I (P.L. 93-638, Title 1). He will offer insights into the process of contracts between tribes and the federal government. Content emphasis will reflect proper procedures of preparing grant and contract applications and the procedures surrounding that process.

Dr. Don Ahshapanek, emeriti Professor, will explore the different facets of tribal government in Tribal Government II. Classroom discussion will involve tribal court systems, tribal enrollment, tribal election ordinances and functions of the different branches of tribal government.

Ruth Whiteskunk and Carol Joyce Bullcoming, both Cheyenne tribal members, will expand upon the initial language course in Cheyenne Language II, which is intended to motivate students to further study the culture of the Cheyenne people.

Charles Sleeper, Arapaho, will build upon his earlier course in the Arapaho Language II course, which will expand upon the Arapaho linguistic and cultural experience.

Carrie Whitlow will teach a seminar on American Indian Women. This course will offer students a historical background and contemporary view of great female leaders.

John Elder will discuss American Indians Today and explore national issues and challenges faced by individual members on a daily basis.

Dr. Mann has introduced a valuable tribal specific course titled C&A Constitution in which the Tribes' constitutional language and intent is reviewed. The instructor will be announced at a later date.

For further enrollment information please contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College at (580) 774-3139.



## Above- RESPECT HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL, OCT.26,2011 Below- EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE COSTUME AND PUMPKIN CONTEST, OCT. 31, 2011

Contest Winners, Mens Category 1st place, Barry Whiteman, 2nd place, Guy Hicks Jr., 3rd place, Carl Tisdale.  
Womens Category 1st place Chieko Buffalo, 2nd place Holly Sheridan, 3rd place Paula Levi,  
Pumpkin Winners, Helen Shridan 1st place, Guy Hicks Jr. 2nd place and Hauli Gray 3rd place.

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# Domestic violence victims honored

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales



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Alisa Mackety lights a candle in honor of Naomi Lynn Whitecrow.

A flickering glow illuminates the room as purple candles are lit, one by one.

On the evening of Oct. 28, 2011, many people gathered at the Community Building in Concho, Okla. to show support for those living with abuse, survived abuse or is mourning the loss of those who have died from abuse.

“What makes a person a domestic violence victim?” Charlotte Hudson, Women’s Service and Family Resources Center, victims advocate asked. “When a person is controlled by another human being, through intimidation, through physical

violence, fear, through sexual assault ... that’s what makes a person a victim of domestic violence.”

Hudson said that Native American women are the most victimized, according to a U.S. Department of Justice report.

“Every victim is a daughter, a mother, a sister, an aunt, a cousin and it’s not just a mere statistic it is an actual person that is affected by domestic violence,” Hudson said.

Hudson expanded on domestic violence and the effects it has on families, followed by the personal stories of people gathered.

“My cousin was found partially buried under her killer’s sister’s porch. My family and I had attempted to reach her by calling her boyfriend, but he would always come up with something and say things like she was at the store or she was in the shower,” Augustine Redhat said. “Her boyfriend had killed her and wrapped her body up in a rug and then put her body under his sister’s porch, then he drove out of state and called his sister to tell her where the body could be found. To this day he is on the run and has not been brought to justice.”

When all the candles were lit the families gathered outside to release purple balloons into the heavens.

For more information about domestic violence contact Karen Hinton at (405) 422-7692.



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